

REMARKS-ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-29 are pending. Claims 2-6, 9, 21-24, and 26 have been canceled. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-13 and 25 have been amended.

RE: Claim Objections

Claim 2-5 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis as suggested by the examiner.

RE: Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement has been provided on USPTO form PTO/SB/08 along with prescribed fees to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(1).

RE: Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102 and 103

Claims 9-13, 14-20 and 26 were indicated as allowable provided these claims are amended to address certain formal matters as indicated by the examiner, and re-written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, to expedite the allowance of this application and minimize the applicants' financial investments in this patent application, the applicants have amended claims as suggested by the examiner. Namely, claim 1 has been amended to include limitation of claims 6 and 9; claim 2-5 have been amended to provide proper antecedent; and claim 25 has been amended to include limitations of claim 26. Claims 7, 8, 10-13 have been amended to provide proper dependency.

Thus, the rejections under 35 USC §102 and §103 have been overcome.

Conclusion

Thus, all requisitions of the examiner have been addressed. No new matter has been added. A favorable consideration and early allowance of this application is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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